# The Intelligencer. turns in reason to be included in the

Our attention has been called to a decision lately rendered in the United Sistes Circuit Court at New Orleans relative to the right of a city to levy a tonusge whariage tax on steamboats. It seems that the John Kile Steamboat and Towboat Company, and the North West-ern Union Packet Company of Keokuk, Iowa, sued to recover nearly \$10,000 which they had paid to the city of New Orleans in the shape of wharfand they were enccessful in opinion that the compromise auggested of taking Tilden and Wheeler for Presithis wharfage tar apon the boats of the companies named, was contrary to that clause in the Constitution of the United

law levying a tonnage tax on vessels. What gives the New Orleans decision additional interest is the fact that similar suits are pending in nearly every city along the Mississippi. We presume that all cities and towns along the Ohio river will feel an interest in the final disposi tion of these cases, especially as the New Orleans decision is made under a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. We are not sure that the city of Wheeling can collect wharings under her present ordinance. Steamboats landing stour wharf me required to pay wharfage according to their tonnage. For in-stance, heats of less than 100 tons are required to pay \$3 for the first 21 hours and \$1 50 for every subsequent 24 hours or any part thereof. Boats of 100 tons, and less than 200 tons, are required to pay \$5 for the first 24 hours and \$2 50 covery succeeding 24 hours or any part

As we understand this New Orleans with Sec. 10 of the First Article of the enacts that "no State shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of tonange" Of course, what a State cannot do a city or town cannot do. It is theretore a question whether under the decission referred to the city will not be obliged to change her basis of collecting wharfage.

### Freight Rates to Wheeling.

Under the new schedule that went into effect on Monday the rates on freight from Baltimore to Wheeling have been doubled on first class goods and nearly doubled on the other classes. The old schedule on first class freight was 18c per bundred; now it is 39c. On second class it was 18, now 34. Third class 18 now 30. Fourth class II, now 26. Speincrease. 'As usual, it exceeds the tariff to more distant points. For instance, the Baltimore road will carry first class tosa than to Wheeling. She will carry it to Toledo for 35c, or 4c less than to Wheeling. She carries it to Cincinnati

The rates from Wheeling to Baltimore city. For instance, on first-class freight it is 67 cents, on second cluss 52, on third 43, on fourth 17, and on special 131. It will thus be seen that our shippers t Baltimore pay on the first three classes of freight from 40 to 80 per cent more

For the convenience of business we tabulate these rates as follows:

To Wheeling..... ne e rate. -29 14 20 26 Philadelphia ... cl.1 rato-22 21 22 14 Wheeling ...... now ente-36 31 27 Wheeling...... hew rate-13 40 37 30

The following are the rates from Wheeling to Baltimore, Philadelphia, New ork and Boston : 

There was no change in the rates from Wheeling to the above points. The late cheap rates never applied to East bound reight from this point. In other words, the rates as above given are the same that have obtained for a long white past.

Political Manoranda. A Deigo cratic County Convention is called to meet at St. Clairsville on the 30th-Satorday week-one object of which is to end delegates to the Democratic State Convention at Columbus on the 8th of

for Governor as that for President, the aggregates are as follows :

For Hayes and Whoeler
For Tilden and Hendricks.
For Cooper and Cary
For Smith and Stewart.
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...5,412,300 Some of the States have not classified their scattering votes. Undoubtedly for greenbacks or prohibition. The figares used in making up these aggregates are those officially returned. The vote falls short of that actually given, as in

the Senate, and the President must be impeached." How much this sounds like the utterances of the New York World, or a telgraphic despatch of a remark made by some Democratic member of Congress. One can almost fancy that Fernando Wood was its author. The notation, however, is not of recent date It appeared in a Democratic newspape in 1795, and the President to be impeached was George Washington.

The Chicago Tribune expresses the dent and Vice President by throwing the election of the former into the House and the latter into the Senate, would be of the Constitution, on the ground that suggests, if a compromise is to be made, that Hayes and Hendricks be taken, and thinks that the Cincinnati Enquirer and other papers which opposed the nominaion of Tilden could make themselves useful in advocating such a compromise a said to be filled to overflowing with recommendations regarding the selection of his Cabinet. There is no mention of a similar deluge upon Governor Tilden and yet Mr. Hewitt says he is to be

BUSINESS MEMORANDA,-Tobacco ha numericed to sell in Monroe county, Ohio, at \$2 50 to \$3 00 per hundred. The bond of Sheriff Kinney, of Bel

mont county, was fixed at \$50,000. Nearly all the hogs around Smyrns

the other night, the most enjoyable dance waltzers swayed about to the air of San Shall the Harvest be?" The band was led by a German who put on the programme, "Waltz-Selections from Moody

A correspondent who writes us from trade were in the most flourishing condi

trade were in the most flourishing condi-tion and having nothing to wish for.

Throughout the entire country the condition of the iron trade remains about as during the past two years. The ma-jority are treating the narrow path that forms the dividing line between profit and lors, the balance are to be found on both sides as circumstances may favor or compel. How long this condition may continue no one can say, but certain it is, nothing at present gives sure token of an ontinue in one cas say, continue in one cas say, continue at reserving are sa follows: First class 36, old rates 22. Second class 32, old 22. Third South and Southwest the producers may dasa 27, old 22. Fourth 23, old 14.

Special 23, old 14.

Rates from New York: First class 5, old 25. Second 40, old 25. Third 35, old 26. old 25. Fourth 30, old 16. Special 25, to boast of. Even the correspondence of The rates are the same by the Balti-with, "Please furnish us," etc., now wore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania Cen-write, "At what price can you furnish,"

to northwest or northeast, with lower temperature and rising barometer during the night.

\*\*Nupposed Murder.\*\*

Sr. Louis, December 21.—Adam Diefendach, a farmer living near St. Jacobe, Madison county. Illa, came here on Monday to sell some farm produce. He left for home on Tuesday, and that night he was found near the Vandalia Railroad track, at a crossing of the road and turnpike leading into St. Jacobe, with his lakell badly fractured. He was taken home and died that night. Yesterday two strangers giving their names as Martin Pfeiffer and John Carter, were arrested on the road. Upon one of whom a pair of steel knucklers were found which fitted into the fracture on Diefenback's skull. They were taken to St. Jacobs, and were to have a preliminary examination to-day.

\*\*Through a Bridge.\*\*

Topeka, Ks., Dec. 21.—A special from Hays city says: At 2 o'clock this morning an Eastern bound passenger train, from Denver, went through a bridge four milles east of here, killing D. F. Webster, an express sgent, and badly burning Crandall, the mail clerk. The mails were all burned and two baggage and passenger cars. There is no mention made of fully the cassenger for the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the case of the control of the resolution not merely for the case of the cassenger of the control of the resolution not merely for the cassenger of the case of Convention at Columbus on the 5th of January.

The Moundsville Republicans will fire its guas this afternoon from the top of the Mound. Capt. Geo. Crumbacker's gun sent dawn yesterday to do the honors of the occasion. It is a vigorous speaker for itayes and Wheeler. The Hon. A. B. Caldwell, of this city, will address the people at the Court Honse some time in the sitemoon.

Texas and West Virginia having at that fursished a statement of their vote for President, we have now the vote of all the States. Counting the vote in Colorado for Governor as that for President, the states are as follows.

their scattering votes. Undoubtedly grant of those stated above were given injury to passengers.

By Telegraph

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER

### CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 21.

Mr. Willis introduced a bill which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, providing that the fleet of the navy, in peace, and until public safety demands as vessels of war, to be distributed among the respective squadrons and divisions. It specifies the number of line officers and provides that their full pay shall be the same as the officers of the army, with whom they take rank, that when on sea service the same amount in emoluwhom they take rank, that when on sea service the same amount in emoluments be allowed as to the assimilated grades in the army, and that when on duty on shore the officers sphall be entitled to their full pay without allowances, and when on a leave of absence to 622 percent of full pay of their grade, without the allowances. The redired line officers who have seen twenty years actual service at sea, and the redired staff officers who have seen fourteen years of actual service at sea, shall receive 75 percent of full pay of the grade from which they were retired, and all other officers shall receive one-half off full pay of the grade from which they were retired. In addition to the number of men now allowed to the navy, 850 boys for training may be enlisted.

Investigating Committee, transmitting a record of the proceedings before that committee in the case of E. W. Barnes

manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company in New Orleans.

Mr. Knotts submitted a resolution di-recting that Barnes, the recusant witness

mont county, was fixed at \$50,000.

Nearly all the hogs around Smyrns, Belmont county, have been sold at 4½ and 5 cents per pound.

Speaking of nails, the Pittsburgh Manufacturer of yesterday says that while stocks in first hands are large the indications still point to a good spring trade. It is not improbable that many of the mills will shut down and remain idle for several weeks.

Producers of petroleum claim that they are not getting a fair price for the raw article taking the present prices of refined as -a basis of comparison. They claim that they should have \$5.

The price of coke at Pittsburgh is \$2.25 to \$2.50 per ton, and owing to the stoppage of so many furnaces not likely to improve very soon.

Moody and Sankey haven't converted Chicago yet. At a fashionable ball there, the other night, the most enjoyable dance the fact of the stoppage of so good and suffer imprisonment at hard labor not less than five years or be the fact of the stoppage of so mills, the most enjoyable dance the other night, the most enjoyable dance the fact of the section shall be fished not more than \$5,000 and suffer imprisonment at hard labor not less than five years or be deprived from the Republicans resorted to the House and the mills with shift that they without that they are not getting a fair price for the raw article taking the present prices of refined as -a basis of comparison. They claim that they should have \$5.

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than 50,000 and state than five years or be deprived from hold any office of honor, profit or trust under the United States. profit or trust under the United States.

Mr. Platt offered a resolution for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the charge made yesterday by Hewitt, that his letters had been tampered with in the New York Postoffice. In connection with it, Platt sent to the clerk's deak and had read a telegram from Post-master James pronouncing the accusation utterly and absolutely false.

After discussion of the resolution to investigate Hewitt's charges against the New York Post office, the House refused to lay the whole subject on the table as proposed by Buckner, and finally on motion of Mr. Springer, the Committee now

was instructed to investigate the master.

Mr. Hewitt narrated the circumstance under which he made the charge, he said about a month ago he received a letter the writer stating that he was an employee in the New York Post-office, and

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Weather Report.

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House to understand that he did not think Mr. James would be or could be a party to any tampering with letters.
He had shown two letters one morning,
with south to west winds and falling barometer during the day, tollowed by colding or north west winds and rising barometer.

For the Upper Lakes, occasional snow, with northeast to northwest winds, and during the night colder clearing weather and rising barometer.
For the Lower Lakes, threatening weather and snow and falling barometer of the case, it would be hardly possible to bring forward any other evidence than the fact that the letters had the appearance. He had therefore not stated it as a fact, nor did he now state it as a fact, but had that auspicion, which amounted to a belief that his letters had been opened, and he acted on that belief that his letters and was letters and who list such appearance.

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WHEELING, WEST VA., FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22, 1876.

respondence that although repeated representations were made by local postmasters as to the importance of ascertaining the hoatile proceedings through letters deposited in the postoffices, that an order was issued from the department prohibiting tampering in any way with any such letters. The only laternative for the investigation suggested was that the Postmaster-General should make it, but that official had not the power which the House had to make a thorough investigation. He might send special segunts but the power to summon witnesses and to take testimony did not exist in him as it did in the Committee of the House, unless therefore, the gentleexist in him as it due in the Committee of the House, unless therefore, the gentleman (Hewitt), would satisfy the public mind, by stating that he had no sufficient ground for his charge, he did not see that the House could withhold its assent

that it should be maintained and upheld by every power of the Government. It was all the more important now that the Department should be undisturbed and unmolested. Since yesterday the House had taken from another branch of communication, between man and man, all that it had ever had of its inviolability. The Postoffice still remains, and the House could do nothing better in the exercise of its highest power than to ferret and probe such matters to the bottom. Let an investigation be made, most searching and complete, and let the House know whether there has been any interference with the correspondence of interference with the correspondence of any one, more especially of the gentleman from New York (Hewitt), who held the formost place in one of the political parties of the country. That gentleman be lieved his correspondence had been tampered with and he had lost his confidence in the present of the country.

lieved his correspondence had been tampered with and he had lost his confidence in the postoffice department. He had shown him (Hale) two letters which he had examined and he had become convinced, as he looked at the envelopes, that the letters had in some way been opened, but whether in the postoffice or by the writers, who had then resealed them, neither the gentleman from New York (Hewitt) or himself had been able to say. He had asked that gentleman whether he had any proof as to how it had been done, and he answered, he had not, Ile did not believe, provided they had been opened in the New York postoffice, that Postmaster James had any knowledge of it, but the gentleman from New York believed his correspondence had been tampered with and he was in favor of setting at work every power to sealth that great department was sacred.

Mr. Springer's substitute for Mr. Platt's resolution was adopted by a strict party tote—117 to 69. The Republicans had previously objected to sending the inquiry to Cox's committee now in New York investigating election frauds.

Finally it was agreed that an hour's discussion should be allowed, and far-field spoke against the resolution, on the ground principally that the House is not justified in treating telegraphic communications as an official report.

Quite a long discussion followed, and finally the resolution was adopted without division.

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The Speaker then laid before the House the action of the Senate in regard to the death of the late Senator Caperton, when remarks appropriate to the occasion were death of the late Senator Caperton, when remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by Messrs. Hereford, Faulkner and Wilson, of West Virginia, and by Goode, Tucker, Kasson and Harden-baugh. The customary resolutions were adopted and the House adjourned.

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Frois present indications neither of the investigating committees will committee on Finance had not yet had an opportunity to consider the subject of had been delayed somewhat on account of the silver commission not having made its report yet. He had been told that the report of that committee would be made soon. He could assorte Mr. Logan that so far as the Committee on Finance was concerned the bill could be acted upon immediately after the holidays.

At the expiration of the morning hour the considerable engagement of the resolution of Mr. Michell, authorizing an investigation into the appointment of Cronin as Presidential elector in Oregon, was discussed at some length.

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Art. Davis catted up the report of the Conference Committee on disagreeing to votes of the two Houses on the bill to provide for the expenses of the Southern Investigating Committee. The committee agreed to give each House \$35.000 to conduct the investigation ordered. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Morton said \$35,000 would not be sufficient but there was an investigation of the course of the discussion. Morton said \$35,000 would not be suffi-cient, but there was an immediate de-mand for money, and he thought it as well to take the \$35,000 now, with the understanding that at a future day more would be asked for.

The report of the committee was then agreed to.

The Chair appointed Barnum on the Committee on Patents and Johnston on the Committee on Manufactures, thus changing the places.

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On motion of Mr. Davis, business was auspended and the Senate then paid its tribute of respect to the memory of Sen-ator Caperton. Appropriate remarks were made by Davis, Wright, Withers, Edmunds and others, and as a further mark of respect the Senate adjourned.

miles east of here, killing D. F. Webster, an express agent, and badly burning Crandall, the mail clerk. The mails were all burned and two baggage and passenger cars. There is no mention made of injury to passengers.

For the Brooklyn Nufferers.

New York, December 21.—The matine performance at the New York The atree to-day in aid of the sufferers from the Brooklyn fire realized about \$14,000.

Menatorial Caucus on Grover.

Washington, December 21.—The Republican Senators held a cancus this morning for the purpose of determining methetre the penling resolution offered by Mitchell for the investigation of Governor Grover's action, and in regard to the Oregon Presidential electors, should be pressed to a passage, it being considered advisable by some, to discontinue the prolonged discussion of the subject, in a view of the fact that the Committee on Priveleges and Elections have already the power on this subject, as that proposed by Mitchell's resolution. After some discussion it was decided to press the resolution to a passage, and thus make a special case in regard to Oregon. No other action was taken, and nothing was said on the subject of a joint committee, which is to be appointed by the presiding officers of the two houses, to report some plan for the settlement of all anticipated disagreements in regard to counting the electoral votes, &c. It is generally understood that the members of the committee on the part of the Senate will Senatorial Caucus on Grover.

committee shall have been appointed.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

The House Committee on the Pacific Railroad this morning, referred all bills and propositions in regard to the Texas Pacific Railroad, to the sub-committee, consisting of Messra. Atkins, Lamar, Neil, Garfield and Luttrell, who are to report upon them at the next meeting.

A full committee was ordered for January 4th, until which time the committee adjourned.

The standing committees are not disposed to do any business, unless such as may be pressed upon their attention, until after the holidays.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs held a meeting, at which J.O'Conner Power, M. P., was present, and read to the committee an address of the Irish mation on the centennary of American independence. The committee then appointed Messra. Swan, Faulkner and Monroe a sub-committee to report to the full committee as to the proper manner of receiving and acknowledging the address.

The Senate Sub-Committee on Privi-The Senate Sub-Committee on Privi-

The Senate Sub-Committee on Privileges and Elections have subponened the
following witnesses to teatify in relation
to the Oregon elector matter: Governor
Grover, Secretary of State Chadwick, J.
W. Watta, J. H. Odell, W. H. Cartwright,
John Simpson, O. W. Denny, J. N.
Dolph and J. A. Steele. They are expected next week. CLAIMS DISMISSED.

In the Court of Commissioners of Ala-bama Claims, the claims of Geo. M. Robe-son, Secretary of the Navy, for \$150,000 for the loss of Hatteras, destroyed by Ala-bama, and for \$23,500 for the loss of Greenland, destroyed by Florida, were dismissed.

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New Orleans, December 21.—3 P. M.—House Committee, morning session.—
S. Madison Wells, President of the Returning Board, testilied: In canvassing the returns we compared Supervisor's report with the fally sheets of the Commissioners; where they did not agree we deducted, but considered principally the tally sheets; sent for tally sheets when parties interested in the election asked for them; sent for the boxes of Concordia parish at the instance of ex-Senator Harris; did not know then, don't, know now that he had an interest as candidate at the late election; found on examining the tickets that all electors had been voted for but the votes were not properly counted. We counted the tickets and included them in our comparisons. The votes omitted were on the Republican side; haven't made an estimate of the aggregate vote thrown out; will furnish the committee with such statements; can't tell the number of terring to the books; did not consider what party would be affected by the votes thrown out; think they threw out votes thrown for each party without ferring to the books; did not consider what party would be affected by the votes thrown out; think they threw out East or West Baton Ronge, don't recollect which; declined to furnish the original papers to the committee because they belong to the State; the papers are still in control of the Board. The

Sr. Paul, December 21.—The follow-ing was received at headquariers depart-ment, Dakota, to day: Fort Prox, W. T., December S.—Yes-terday, with a force of 100 men of the 5th

Infantry, I followed and drove Sitting Bull's camp of 190 lodges South across the Missouri river near the mouth of the Missouri river near the mouth of Bark Creek. He resisted my crossing for a short time then retreated to the Bad Lands. Sitting Bull is camped on Bark Creek with over five hundred war-[Signed] FRANK D. BALDWIN,

Hoston Post and Winslow's As-

siguees.

Boston, December 21.—In the Supreme Court yesterday a hearing was begun upon the petition in the nature of quo whr ranto, in which J. Willard Rice and

Footing Up the Figures. New York, December 21.—A Times special from Columbia says the three members of the investigating committee remaining in Columbia are now engaged in footing up the figures of the precinct returns to see how they compare with the returns forwarded to the State Board by the commissioners. No discremancies of

It is stated that Hampton's Assembly will take a recess in a day or two until the 5th of March next. It didnothing to-day expect discuss a memorial which it proposes to send to Congress and pass a series of resolutions telling the people of South Carolina not to obey any of the madates of the traitor and usurper Chamberlain. The only hope of Hampton now is to induce the people to refuse the payment of taxes, thinking by this means to atarve out the legitimate government. They also have a faint hope that by some legerdemain Tilden may smuggle himself into the Presidency and recognize Hampton as the lawful Governor.

REFORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

The special committee of the Assembly appointed to investigate facts fouching the organization of the Legislature and the legality thereof, presented a report to-day through its speaker, Mr. Mackey. It is a very able and exhaustive document, containing a complete history of the proceedings here from the canvassing of the returns by the board down to the inauguration of Chamberlain, including g the action of the Supreme Court. It cites law precedent and the custom of this and other States applicable to the facts and establishes the legality and Coonstitutionality of the present Legislator and of Chamberlain's position as Governor so clearly that no Judge of any greputation in the entire North would think of disputing it for a moment. Indeed, the Supreme Court of South Carolina, feeble and contemptible as it is, has never been stupid enough to declare Hampton's House a legal Assembly or Hampton's House a legal Assembly or Hampton's House a legal Assembly or Hampton the legal Governor, although the Democratic papers in the North spear to assume that it has done both.

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was unanimously adopted, recognizing Hampton and Simpson as lawfully elect-ed and pledging them moral, financial and material aid. The Fire Flend in Arkansas.

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Little Rock, December 21.—At this hour, 5:45 p. M., a fire broke out on the corner of Louisiana and 5th streets, which if Hager's Mill burns the loss will at least reach \$100,000. The fire was the work of incendiary, and started in the rear room of Borgs' paper warehouse, east of that building. Hoffs' bakery, Robinson's grocery, Riley Bros', stove works, and several other buildings have been burned. Hager's Mill, it is thought connot be saved. The insurance will be very light. This is the sixth fire in six days. At 7 p. M., water had not been secured by the steamers. The hook and ladder company is razing buildings. It is understood generally that the first man caught firing buildings will be shot on the spot. The desperate exertions of the Fire Department and several times on life. At the britishing burned were wooden structures. Loss \$12,000, and very little insurance. At one time it was thought that the Central house would burn. Water was obtained from the town branch after the first cistern had given out, and lines of men passed the water in buckets to the flames. Mr. Borg, in whose tore the first started away his rear door

St. PAULL, December 21.—A meeting of leading Democrats of various parts of the State, some 50 in number, assembled in this city to-day, at an invitation of the Chairman of the Den. State Committee, to discuss the political situation. The meeting was secret and little that transpired is known to the public, except the adoption of a resolution declaring it as the firm conviction of the Democrats of Minnesota, that Tilden and Hendricks are fairely elected, that they behold with regret what appears to be a conspiracy on the part of the Administration and corrupt politicians to count in Hayes and Wheeler in disregard of all law, repudiating the assumption that the President of the Senate has the determination of all disputes with repard to the electoral vote and declaring that the House of Representatives has an equal right

LAWRENCE, KAS., December 21 .- A

large and brilliant meteor passed from west to east, over this city this evening, about 8 o'clock; remaining in sight near

Marine Intelligence New York, December 21.—Arrived-teamship Wyoming, from Liverpool.

HALIPAT, December 21.—Arrived— Steamship Samaritan, from Liverpool. London, December 21.—The steam ships Nederland, from Philadelphia, and California, from New York, have ar-

**FOREIGN NEWS** 

THE TURKISH QUESTION. London, December 22.—The Post pub-lishes in an official form a summary of the result of the preliminary conference at Constantinople. According to this ac-count when Russia forbore insisting on

count when Russia forbore insisting on occupying Bulgaria herself, successive proposals for a Romanian and Helgian occupation of that province were brought forward by Italy and France respectively. The objections to both being obvious, the idea was at once put forward of employing a force which should not partake of the character of the army, but merely be an escort to the European Commission, which may have to watch the execution of the reforms. It was presumed that this force need not exceed 6,000 men, who might be obtained from a neutral country like Belgium, not as soldiers, but as volunteers. The plenipotentiaries ultimately agreed on this outline project.

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The Marquis of Salisbury assented to
it to avoid war, which would instantly
have ensued if he had withdrawn from
the conference. The proposal ensures
the peace of Europe for the moment, and
may admit of further adjustment in full
conference.

A special to the Daily News from Vienna says it is reported that Rossis is
considering the necessity of mobilizing
two more army corps. There is no intention at Vienna of employing very
severe measures with Servis in consequence of the Maros outrage. Although
the dismissal of the Ministry is conseilered insufficient satisfaction, the News announces that the Queen will open the
next session of Parliament in person.

FORGIBLE INTERVENTION DEMANDED.

LONDON, December 22.-The Standard's special from Pesth reports that the greatest irritation prevails there over the

greatest irritation prevails there over the Maros affair.

None of the Hungarian journals are satisfied with the dismissal of the Ristics Cabinet. They demand the occupation of Belgrade.

Addresses are being sent to the Hungarian Minister urging the Austro-Hungarian government to forcibly intervene for the protection of Turkey.

Brent the Forger.

LONDON, December 21.—Charles Brent, the Louisville forger will leave for the United States on Saturday, the 23d leat. He will embark at Liverpool, in the steamer Parthia.

WIND WITH TORKENDS OF BAIN. A severe gale, accompanied by torrest-of rain, prevailed throughout the United Kingdom on Tuesday night and Wednes-day. The gale was particularly violent on the Scottish coast.

STORM BATTERED.

During the gale the decks of the steamer City of Bristol, which has put back, were constantly flooded, her houses were smashed in, the chart room was gutted, the saloon skylights burst in by the weight of the water breaking a board and several of the crew were injured. The steamer Illinois has taken her passengers.

trested for Union and Liberty AFFERSHURG, December 21.—Elever women and twenty-one men students a the School of Medicine and Technics Institute have been arrested for shouting "Liberty!" and unfurling a red flag bear ing the inscription "Union and Liberty' at service in the Kassan Church.

Patrezi's Successor. ROME, December 21.—The Pope has appointed Cardinal Rafaelila Vallet to succeed the late Cardinal Patrezi as Dean of the Sacred College.

New York, December 21.—The Times Tallahasee special ays; A special dispatch from this place purports to give an interview with Attorney General Cocke, in which an imputation is made that he used heated and undignified language concerning other members of the State Uanvassers in connection with their recent action and the accuracy of their minutes. The dispatch is, to speak very mildly, highly colored.

The Attorney General in his testimony before the Senate Committee fully sustained the Board in its exercise of judicial functions, and stated that he agreed with them in many cases on the application of the law to the fact, but differed in some instances. In two cases

Springpield, ILLS, December 21.— The Democratic State Central Committee met here to-day, and appointed a Sub-Committe who reported resolution-affirming the Constitutional right of the House to participate in the electional count and denying the right of the Presi-dent of the Senate to conduct the count bled dent of the Senate to conduct the coun the anloe, also declaring a mass meeting ttee, shall be held in each county in Illinois irrespective of party, for the selection delegates to a convention in Springfield January 8th, and expressing the beli-that all good citizens will be in th movement for a free government, and that the proceedings of the convention will be in harmony with the gravity of

and Wheeler in disregard of all law, repudiating the assumption that the President of the Senate has the determination of all disputes with repard to the electoral vote and declaring that the House of Representatives has an equal right with the Senate in such a settlement, and we propose, in common with all patriotic citizens, to support it in the exercise of its constitutional rights.

Brilliant Meteors.

Sr. Louis, December 21.—A meteor presenting a brilliant color and having a long tail like a comet, passed over this city to-night, from south-east to northwest. Death of Col. Joseph S. Hayer Settling Old Grudges.

LOUISVILLE, December 21.—A Har-odsburg, Ky., special to the Courier-ournal says: "Robert Gallagher and on, James, were killed here to night by Z. B. Henry, who used a shot-gun. An old grudge existed between their two families.

The Lick Estate.

San Francisco, December 21.—An-other petition for letters of administra-tion on the Lick estate has been filed by W. H. Lick, nephew of deceased, James Lick. The petition, with others, was set aside for a hearing January 3.

Cypher Messages Prohibited. HAVANNA, December 21.—The gov-crement of the Island of Cuba published a decree prohibiting code and cypher messages of all kinds to and from the messages of all kinds to and from Island of Cuba, on and after to-day.

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